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For: System and Method for Interconnecting Remote Devices in an Automated Monitoring System

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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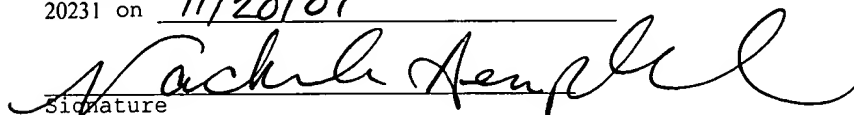
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C	Co-Pending U.S. Utility Application entitled "System and Method for Monitoring and Controlling Remote Devices" Serial No.: 09/439,059; Filing Date: November 12, 1999; Inventors: Petite, et al.	

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	18	5,253,167	10/12/93	Yoshida et al.	364	408	
	19	5,317,309	5/31/94	Vercellotti et al.	340	825	
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	26	5,467,082	11/14/95	Sanderson	340	825	
	27	5,484,997	1/16/96	Haynes	235	492	
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	29	5,548,632	8/20/96	Walsh et al.	379	58	
	30	5,550,535	8/27/96	Park	340	825	
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	37	5,465,401	11/7/95	Thompson	455	89	
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	39	5,699,328	12/16/97	Ishizaki et al.	369	24	
	40	5,704,517	1/6/98	Lancaster, Jr.	222	222	
	41	5,706,976	1/13/98	Purkey	221	6	
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